

REMARKS

Claims 11-16, 18, 20, 26-29, 35, and 37-42 are now pending in the application. Claims 7, 17, 21-25, 30, 31, 34, and 36 are canceled by this Amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

OBJECTED CLAIM

Claim 37 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 37 has been amended into independent form including each of the limitations of the claims from which Claim 37 previously depended. Therefore, Applicants submit that Claim 37 is in condition for allowance and requests that the Examiner remove the objection thereto. Also, each of the claims that depend, directly or indirectly, from Claim 37 is also in condition for allowance.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 21-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 21-24 have been canceled by this amendment, thus this rejection is rendered moot. Therefore, Applicants request that this reject be withdrawn.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 21, 23-24, 34, 35, 36, 38, 39 and 40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Damon et al. (G.B. 2,323,056). Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Damon et al. (GB 2,323,056). Claims 41-42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Damon et al. (GB 2,323,056). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 21- 24, 34, and 36 have been canceled. Therefore, the rejections thereto are rendered moot and the Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections thereto.

Claims 35 and 38-42 have been amended to depend from amended claim 37.

- The Applicants submit that Claim 37 has been amended in such a manner as to place it in condition for allowance as indicated by the Office, therefore each of the claims that depend therefrom are also in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejections to Claims 35 and 38-42.

Applicants do, however, maintain that each of the previously pending claims was in condition for allowance at least for the reasons indicated in the amendment filed on March 12, 2007, and have made the current amendments only to expedite issuance of the present application.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 11-6, 18, 20 and 26-29 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance. Applicants further submit that each of the claims presently pending in the Application have been indicated as allowed or have been amended into a form as indicated allowable by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants request that the Examiner pass the present Application to issuance as the Examiner's earliest convenience.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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